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SUBJ: WESTERN FIVE MEETING ON NAMIBIA

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1. WESTERN FIVE MET AT CANADIAN MISSION MORNING OF MAY 27. IN ADDITION TO APPROVING, AD REFERENDUM, PAPER ON CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS ON NAMIBIA (SEPTTEL), THEY DISCUSSED MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS.

2. VARIOUS VIEWS ON MAPUTO WERE EXPRESSED BY ATTENDEES, RANGING FROM CANADIAN MISOFF EDELSTEIN'S UNQUALIFIED CONFIDENTIAL

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ENTHUSIASM CONCERNING WESTERN ACHIEVEMENTS AT MAPUTO, TO UK AMBASSADOR MURRAY'S OPINION THAT, ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE WAS MORE MODERATE THAN COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AND NEGOTIATIONS RECEIVED NOD AS BEING COMPLEMENTARY TO ARMED STRUGGLE, WEST COULD ONLY VIEW MAPUTO AS, AT BEST, A SUCCESSFUL DAMAGE CONTROL OPERATION. AMB MURRAY SAID THAT THE ONLY PARTICIPANT WHO SPOKE OUT AGAINST "ARMED STRUGGLE" WAS AMB YOUNG, WHO

APPEALED FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MURRAY ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD WEAK DELEGATION, PERFORMED POORLY, AND BY THE END HAD BEEN DESERTED BY ALL BUT THEIR CLIENTS. FRG, US, CANADA, FRANCE, AND RELUCTANTLY, UK, AGREED THAT, OVERALL, CONFERENCE WAS HELPFUL TO WESTERN POSITION VIS-A-VIS AFRICA; AND, THEREFORE, WAS VALUABLE IN GAINING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR WESTERN INITIATIVES ON NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS AND TIMING OF NEXT ROUND OF CAPE TOWN TALKS, FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE NEXT ROUND, BONN MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO SEND HIM IF HE IS ONLY PERM REP OF THE VIE TO ATTEND. (CLEARLY, VON WECHMAR WANTS TO GO TO CAPE TOWN. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MCHENRY, VON WECHMAR CONFIDED THAT REAL REASON FOR FRG RELUCTANCE TO SEND HIM WAS THAT VISIT WOULD FOLLOW CLOSING OF FOR CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK. FRG DID NOT WANT TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT GERMANS IN NAMIBIA ABANDONED TO "HOT HEADS AT THE UN.") FRENCH MISOFF SAID THAT PERM REP LEPRETTE WAS INTERESTED IN GOING ALSO, BUT THAT SINCE MINISTER-COUNSELLOR LECOMPT IS LEAVING THIS WEEKEND FOR REASSIGNMENT, AMB LEPRETTE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE. CANADIAN MINISTER-COUNSELLOR LAPOINTE SAID THAT PERMREP BARTON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO, SINCE CANADA IS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR JUNE. AMB MURRAY SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS IN LONDON THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO CAPE TOWN AGAIN.

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4. FIVE AGREED TO REQUEST CAPITALS TO SEND THEIR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON: 1) THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS OF THE CONTACT GROUP FOR THE NEXT ROUND, AND 2) THE TIMING OF THE TALKS. GROUP AGREED TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: THE CONTACT GROUP REPS WOULD ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN ON JUNE 5 OR 6, HOLD WESTERN FIVE MEETING ON JUNE 7, AND BEGIN MEETING WITH THE SAG ON JUNE 8 (GROUP DECIDED THIS WOULD ALLOW FIVE TO WORK IN NEW YORK THROUGH JUNE 4 ON PREPARATIONS IF NECESSARY). CONTACT GROUP WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEND FULL WORKING WEEK IN CAPE TOWN (I.E. UNTIL FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY).

5. GROUP AGREED, IF CAPITALS CONCUR, THAT UK AMB MURRAY WILL BRIEF SYG WALDHEIM ON JUNE 3 ABOUT THE UPCOMING TALKS IN CAPE TOWN, AND THAT US AMB MCHENRY WILL BRIEF ZAMBIAN AMB KAMANA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, ON THE SAME DAY.

6. GROUP FORESEES SERIES OF MEETINGS IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO WORK ON FURTHER DETAILS OF NEXT ROUND OF TALKS.

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